PATENT APPLICATION



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ENDOGENEOUS NUCLEIC ACID FRAGMENT ASSOCIATED WITH AN AUTOIMMUNE DISEASE, LABELING METHOD AND REAGENT

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) AND TRANSMITTAL OF FEE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.17

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

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